## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 717 By Kerr

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gladys Boone, a teacher at Lenoir City Elementary School.

WHEREAS, teaching is one of our most important professions; if a child is taught the value of getting a good education, the likelihood of he or she being successful increases significantly; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Boone, a respected and beloved 4th grade teacher at Lenoir City

Elementary School, who received a 1997 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and

Science Teaching, is clearly one of Tennessee's best and brightest teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boone received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Middle

Tennessee State University in 1971, her Master of Science Degree from the University of

Tennessee at Knoxville in 1986, and her Ed.S Degree from Tennessee Technological University
in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boone served admirably in the Lenior City Junior High School Special Education Department from January 1971 to June 1971; in the Special Education Department for grades 3 and 4 at Nichols Elementary School from August 1971 to January 1986; and in her present position since January 1986; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished educator has been widely praised for her extraordinary compassion and competence throughout her 27 years of teaching; and

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WHEREAS, Gladys Boone is an active member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Lenoir City Association of Educators, the Tennessee Science Teachers Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Lenoir City Parent/Teacher Organization and Delta Kappa Gamma; and

WHEREAS, her professional work has included service as President, Secretary, and Negotiations Committee member of the Lenoir City of Association Educators; as a member of the Education Fair Planning Committee, as chairman and co-chair of the Science Fair; as a member of the Space Night Committee, as a member of the school Executive Council; as a member of the Textbook Adoption Committee (Science and Reading); as school representative to the University of Tennessee Development School; as a Faculty Associate for School Based Experiences (UT); as elementary Representative on the Community/School Partnership Committee; and in numerous SACS capacities, as Science Chair, as Co-Chair of the Steering Committee, as a member of ESI Steering Committee, focusing on Student Performance, and as a member of the evaluation committees for North Middle School in Loudon County, Taylor Elementary School in Bradley County and Woodland Elementary School in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boone has received three major grants, the Tennessee Education

Association Space Grant, the Wal-Mart Science Grant, which helped fund a field trip to the Oak

Ridge National Laboratory, and a School Community Partnership Grant; and

WHEREAS, a model representative of the true spirit of the Volunteer State, Gladys has generously contributed her time and talents to the Loudon County/University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension Service Advisory Council, the Loudon County Science Fair, the Salvation Army, the School Community Partnership program, the Parent Teachers Organization, and the Kids Voting program; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Boone has been honored with the 1987 University of Tennessee at Knoxville Outstanding Achievement in Elementary Education Award, the 1992 Loudon County

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Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Award, the 1993 University of Tennessee at Knoxville Excellence in Teaching Award, and the 1997 state level Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and

WHEREAS, her personal goals include obtaining hands-on-science materials for the new Lenoir City science lab, developing a K-5 curriculum guide for the school nature trail, and obtaining a grant to make a Tennessee Garden, on the school campus; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to recognize this exemplary teacher; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Gladys Boone for her exemplary service to her students and the teaching profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Ms. Boone with the final clause omitted from such copy.

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